

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A1 [ Kindly amend page 1, insert -- GRANT REFERENCE This application was in part supported from funding of the National Institute of Health through research grant R01HL50420 and Grant RR-00036 to the Washington University General Clinical Research Center, and finally Grant RR-00954 to the Washington University Mass Spectrometry Resource. -- before CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION.

[ Kindly amend page 1, lines 3-4, replace " \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_ " with -- 5,932,562, issued August 3, 1999--.

A2 Kindly amend page 5, line 12, insert commas before and after " therefore" .

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

h3 1 (Amended). A composition in a solid, but water-soluble form for reducing cholesterol a[d]sorption, comprising:  
an aqueous homogenous micellar mix of  
a plant sterol and  
an alkaline or alkaline earth metal salt of a reaction  
product of lactic acid and a fatty acid  
wherein the salt is [as] an emulsifier [which] and  
wherein the mix has been dried to a finely-divided, water-soluble powder;